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FM AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9304

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES (WALKER, JAMES W.)

SUBJECT: NEXT OF KIN AND ESTATE

REF : 76 STATE 096448

1. EMBASSY RELEASED CERTAIN PERSONAL EFFECTS TO TERRY WALKER AS NOTED IN PARA FIVE, 76 TAIPEI 0602. ACTION WAS PREDICATED ON RECEIPT BY EMBASSY OF:

A) TELEGRAM FROM INS QUOTED IN PARA ONE, 76 TAIPEI 0602 WHICH STATED IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE SATISFIED TERRY WALKER LEGAL SPOUSE,

B) COPY OF MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE INDICATING JAMES AND TERRY WALKER WERE MARRIED IN BANGKOK IN 1970, AND

C) AFFIDAVIT MADE BY TERRY WALKER THAT SHE WAS NEXT OF KIN.

2. THE ITEMS WANTED BY THE PRESUMED SURVIVING SPOUSE (WALLET AND KEY CASE, PORTABLE TYPEWRITER, SMALL PORTABLE PHONOGRAPH, CAMERA WITH FLASH ATTACHMENT) HAVE MORE SENTIMENTAL THAN COMMERCIAL VALUE. BECAUSE IT WAS BELIEVED THAT TERRY WALKER WAS THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE AS CONTEMPLATED BY 7 FAM 444.2-1(G), CONOFF DEEMED IT REASONABLE FOR HER TO TAKE THOSE THINGS SHE DESIRED FROM THE HOTEL ROOM WHERE MR. WALKER DIED. AS A FAVOR TO HER CONOFF ALSO ACCEPTED THE REST

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OF HIS POSSESSIONS (MOSTLY CLOTHES AND A FEW OTHER THINGS

OF LITTLE OR NO VALUE) TO TURN THEM OVER TO CHARITY AS SHE HAD REQUESTED IN WRITING. LATER MORE POSSESSIONS OF DECEASED WERE FOUND IN ANOTHER HOTEL ROOM. THE CLOTHES LEFT BY TERRY WALKER AND THE THINGS DISCOVERED LATER (WATCH, MONOGRAMED KNIFE, BRIEFCASE, BOOK MANUSCRIPT AND BANK BOOKS) ARE IN THE POSSESSIONS OF THE CONSULAR OFFICER.

3. EMBASSY FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH REQUIREMENTS REITERATED IN PARA TWO, REFTEL AND WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT ACCORDINGLY.
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